

### **Public Health Committee Hearing March 7, 2022 Testimony**

My name is Carmen Myers and I live in Farmington. I need HB 5277 to pass because I am getting older and having increasing difficulty managing my disabilities. I have COPD and arthrogryposis congenital of muscles and joints, and I use a wheelchair. I have had a lot of health issues this year, and recently my doctor wanted me to have a stress test, but I couldn't do it because there was no way for me to get on the machine. When I had an MRI, the technicians had to force my neck and head into the cage, and it was very stressful.

Because of my health issues, it is critical for me to watch my weight. My primary care doctor does not have an accessible scale in her office, so I have to find alternatives. When I have an appointment at the Hospital For Special Care, I can weigh myself, but even there I have to go to a different department in order to find an accessible scale.